

## REMARKS

Applicants have amended the application to insert the required reference to the parent application, for which benefit is claimed, of this new divisional application.

Applicants have also canceled claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof since those claims were elected for prosecution in parent application no. 09/564,191. Cancellation of claims 1-16 leaves pending claims 17-21 which were not elected and withdrawn from consideration in response to a Restriction Requirement dated August 7, 2001 in the parent application. Applicants have also amended claims 17 and 18 herein to improve form.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Divisional Application of: ) Parent Application No.: 09/564,191  
Ichiro MIZUSHIMA et al. ) Filed: May 4, 2000  
Application No.: To be assigned ) Parent Group Art Unit: 2812  
Filed: September 5, 2003 ) Parent Examiner: R. POMPEY  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE  
AND SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 14A, 14B, 15A, and 15B in the above-captioned application be amended by adding the legend "Prior Art." These changes were required by the Examiner in parent application no. 09/564,191 and are therefore also being submitted in this divisional application. A replacement sheet incorporating these changes is also being submitted.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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